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## BIRTH.

At 21, Old Bailey, the wife of Mr. FRANK J. V. JONES, of a son.

[1489]

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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 7TH 1909.

We give in another column to-day the views which are likely to find expression this afternoon at a meeting of Chinese convened for the purpose apparently of formulating objections to the intention of the Government to increase the fees at the district schools of the Colony. The fee at the present time, we understand, is \$2 per month, and the intention is to increase the fee in some schools to \$3, and in others to \$4, for new scholars, and later on to make the new fees applicable to old scholars if circumstances are held to justify the step. Against this increase it is urged that the parents of the boys attending these district schools—situated at Saiyungpun, Yau-mat and Wan-chai—belong mainly to the middle and lower classes; and that two dollars a month for each child is as much as they can afford for education. To raise the fee by fifty or a hundred per cent., it is urged, would practically mean a denial of education in these primary schools to numbers of such children as hitherto have enjoyed the privilege, to the benefit alike of themselves and the community. Families are not usually small among the Chinese, and even though a reduction be made when a family contributes more than one pupil to a school, education must form a very considerable

item of expense in the domestic budget where the revenue side shows an income of not more than \$25 to \$30 a month, a sum that may be given as the average wage of the skilled artisan in Hongkong. A clearer idea of what this means to the Chinese working-man may be obtained by contrasting his position in the matter with that of the labourer and the artisan in England. Where education was not given free in the elementary schools in England the fee commonly charged was 2d a week. Here in Hongkong, with the fee at \$2, the artisan and labourer has to pay at the rate of 10d per week for each child, though it takes him a month to earn what the English working-man earns in a week. If it is a fact that the boys attending these district schools are the children of the middle and lower classes, it becomes at once apparent from this contrast that the parents are already making heavy sacrifices out of very slender means in order to give their sons an education "sufficient to enable them to earn a living," and we can well believe that the doubling of the fee would amount to closing the doors of these schools to boys of this class. This, therefore, brings us at once to the question of the Government's responsibility for primary education in the Colony. The Government's reasons for resolving to increase the fees of these schools can be well understood. Applications for admission into these district schools, we understand, are largely in excess of the actual number that can be accommodated, notwithstanding the fact that large sums of money have been spent in recent years not only in the better equipment of the schools, but on the enlargement of school buildings. As a reference to the Blue Books will show, the percentage of expenditure on education in the Colony has been steadily growing, and this, combined with the fact that the applications for admission to the schools largely exceed the vacancies that occur, is the Government's justification for raising the fees. If the higher fees tend to shut out the sons of the middle and lower class of Chinese, from the Government district schools—which, by the way, were originally intended to serve as feeders for Queen's College, but have never fulfilled their mission in that respect—it does not necessarily follow that they are denied all opportunities of securing an education on the lines of that given in the Government schools. As against 14 Government schools in the Colony, we see that there are 65 grant-in-aid schools, some of which are presumably would be glad to receive additional pupils, for the average attendance in these sixty-five grant-in-aid schools is only 3,780, as compared with 2,144 in the fourteen Government schools. What the Government is striving to do is to improve the standard of education in these district schools, and the fact that in the last budget a sum of \$800 was set apart for scholarships to Queen's College from the district schools is indicative of that intention.

The suggestion is made in the statement which appears in another column that the Government is seeking to induce the managers of the grant-in-aid schools to increase the fees at these schools also, and that the Government may find in a school's refusal an excuse to reduce its grant. This can hardly be accepted as a fair statement of the Government's attitude in the matter. It is, at least, a very inadequate presentation of the facts. In his last Budget statement H. E. The Governor drew attention to the fact that the amount in grants under the Code continues to increase and reaches this year the large sum of \$65,000. His EXCELLENCY said he proposed to examine this question during the year, and we infer from the statement appearing elsewhere that the examination is in progress. If the object of this grant of a fixed sum in respect of every child in a school is to enhance the efficiency of a school, there is doubtless much to be said in criticism of the basis on which the grant is made; for if the same grant is made for an infant as for a boy or girl in the higher standards, it is quite possible to have a school in which efficiency is sacrificed to revenue by the admission of a disproportionate number of infants. Doubtless, the result of His EXCELLENCY's examination of the question will be made public in due course, but in the meantime we may be quite sure that if there is any prospect of a school's grant being reduced, the Government's action will be found to be supported by more solid and satisfactory reasons than such puny vindictiveness as is suggested by the statement that "if the fee is not increased the Government may find an excuse to reduce the grant." The whole question is one which might with advantage be widely discussed; for in its final aspect it is one in which regard must be had to the views of the taxpayers of the Colony.

Mr. W. A. Rubles, the successor of Dr. Wilder, as American Consul-General at Hongkong, arrived by the Siberia yesterday accompanied by Mrs. Rubles and family.

The death is reported of Mr. A. W. Harvey Bellingham, M.I.C.E., Engineer of the British Municipal Council, Tientsin. His death occurred after a short illness.

The Prince Regent has approved a memorial by H. E. Chang Jen-shun, Viceroy at Nanking, for permission to erect a Provincial Assembly House in Nanking at a cost of \$15,000,000.

A native who attempted to palm a brass finger ring on to a pawnbroker at Yau-mat as gold was charged before Mr. E. R. Hallifax at the Magistracy yesterday with endeavouring to obtain money by false pretences. He pleaded guilty to the charge, and was ordered to pay a fine of \$20.

A small Chinese boy was charged before Mr. E. R. Hallifax at the Magistracy yesterday with stealing a number of boiler plates from the Hungshom Docks. The charge was proved, and his Worship ordered the youth to be detained for twenty-four hours, and to receive twelve strokes of the birch.

A lunkong who was on patrol duty in the New Territory on Sunday, observing four suspicious-looking characters, stopped and searched them. On one man he found a loaded revolver, and took the possessor to the Yau-mat Police Station. The man was charged before Mr. E. R. Hallifax at the Magistracy yesterday with carrying firearms without a licence, and a fine of \$10 was imposed.

An Indian watchman at the Talkoo Dock observing a coolie attempting to leave the works with a length of electric cable, endeavored to arrest him. In the struggle which followed the coolie vanquished the watchman and made his escape. But he was subsequently arrested at Chia Lung, and on appearing before Mr. E. R. Hallifax at the Magistracy yesterday was sentenced to three weeks' imprisonment with hard labour.

The election of directors of the Tung Wah Hospital by the Chinese residents for 1910 took place yesterday at noon, at the hall of that institution. Mr. Lau Chu Pak was given with one exception all the votes for the Chairmanship, and his appointment was proclaimed with great applause. It attests the popularity of Mr. Lau Chu Pak that his compatriots should load him with so many public duties, and it is to his credit that he is willing to give so much of his time to their discharge.

Mr. J. T. Pratt, the Assessor, British Mixed Court, Shanghai, and one of the members of the Shanghai Interport Cricket Team, returned to Shanghai last Monday by the P. & O. S. Himalaya. Mr. Pratt had to be carried ashore, as he was suffering from pneumonia and sciatica. He fielded for Shanghai in the first innings of the match with Hongkong, but afterwards, by the courtesy of the Hongkong captain, Mr. D. Brand was allowed to come into the team as substitute.

Mr. W. Smith, chief engineer artificer of H. M. S. King Alfred, died at the General Hospital, Shanghai, on Monday last from abscess of the liver. He was accorded a naval funeral and the flags were half-masted on all the men-of-war in port during the morning. Naval men in port paraded at the General Hospital, and the coffin, covered with a flag, was placed on a gun carriage. Proceeded by a firing party, the cortege proceeded to Bubbling Well Cemetery, a large number of bluejackets following. The firing party was composed of a body of men of H. M. S. Astrea, the captain of which ship conducted the funeral ceremony.

## SUPREME COURT.

Monday, December 6th.

IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

BEFORE HIS HONOUR MR. W. REES DAVIES,  
K. C. (ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE).

## UNSATISFACTORY RICE CONTRACTS.

The action was continued in which the Hang Sing firm sued Messrs. W. R. Loxley and Co. to recover the sum of 14,274, being balance due for rice sold and delivered, while the defendants counter-claimed \$3,727.44, for breach by the plaintiffs of the terms of their contracts.

Mr. Eldon Potter, instructed by Mr. R. A. Harding, appeared for the plaintiffs, while defendants were represented by Mr. M. W. Slade, who was instructed by Mr. F. B. L. Bowley (of Messrs. Donnys and Bowley).

His Lordship having delivered a ruling on the subject of the quality of the rice, said he saw no reason to reject the evidence of the consignees taken in South Africa.

Mr. Slade then resumed his opening statement and said they would prove that all the rice put on board the *Kut Sang* by Hang Sing got to South Africa. They would produce every bill of lading with one exception, and they would show that the identical bags of rice which were put on board at Hongkong reached South Africa and were examined by the consignees. That was the first examination possible after Hang Sing had put the rice on board in purported fulfilment of his contract. The evidence given in South Africa, both by the consignees themselves and by the surveyors appointed to examine the rice was that the rice did not answer the mercantile description of No. 1 Siam rice. The rice shipped was neither according to description nor sample.

Evidence taken de bene esse in South Africa was afterwards read and the hearing adjourned.

## TELEGRAMS.

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## THE SITUATION IN KOREA.

THE QUESTION OF ANNEXATION BY JAPAN.

Tokyo, December 6th.

The Ilchinhai Society (of Korea?) has drawn up a petition favouring the annexation of the country by Japan. The President of the Society interviewed the Resident-General (Viscount Sone), who observed that annexation was a most important matter requiring the deepest investigation. He advised the Party to deal with the question with the greatest prudence.

Seoul is at present a hotbed of political strife.

A meeting held on Sunday and attended by upwards of 2,000 persons, including Korean Ministers of State, passed a resolution condemning the movement of the Ilchinhai.

## AN AMERICAN CONSUL RECALLED.

Tokyo, December 6th.

Mr. Cloud, the American Consul at Mukden, has been recalled because of an anti-Japanese report sent home by him.

[REUTERS'S SERVICE TO THE "HONGKONG  
DAILY PRESS".]

## THE COMING ELECTIONS.

LONDON, December 6th.

A stormy election fight is fore-shadowed in the vigorous speeches made by Sir Edward Grey, the Rt. Hon. L. V. Harcourt and Mr. Winston Churchill. Mr. Harcourt declared that the issues of to-day were greater than those in the days of Cromwell or the French Revolution.

Fifty speakers addressed the indignation meeting against the House of Lords, held in Trafalgar Square, at which "political garrotters" and "hereditary highwaymen" were the favourite epithets.

Mr. Byles, M.P., said they had now got the Lords by the throat, and were going to strangle them.

## LATER.

Election preparations are being rapidly completed by both sides.

## TROUBLE BREWING IN SOMALILAND.

LONDON, December 6th.

Reuter's correspondent at Aden learns that there are indications of trouble in Somaliland, where the friendly natives have again been attacked by hostile tribes.

## AUSTRALIAN NAVAL LOAN BILL.

LONDON, December 6th.

A message from Melbourne states that the Naval Loan Bill, which provides for the raising of £3,500,000, has passed both Houses.

## THE PALAWAN FATALITY.

In connection with the tragic death of an Arab and Mr. and Mrs. Bird's child in the Suez Canal, Colonel Bruce, the Police Superintendent at Shanghai, last week circulated the following notice to all the police stations:

"The Captain Superintendent received the following letter from the Commander of the P. & O. S. *Palawan*, and it gives him great pleasure to publish same for the information of the Force:

"Dear Sir,—I have much pleasure in bringing to your notice the gallant conduct of Mr. A. W. Jones, of the Shanghai Police Force, and a passenger on board this vessel under my command. Without the slightest hesitation he jumped overboard whilst the ship was in transit of the Suez Canal, on the morning of October 22 to the rescue of a Chinese man and the infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Bird, first saloon passengers. He succeeded in reaching the child and supported it until the arrival of the boat.—I am, dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,  
(Signed) C. R. HENDERSON.  
P. C. Jones has been recommended for the Royal Humane Society's Medal and has also received from the passengers a testimonial expressing high appreciation of his gallant conduct.

## LOCAL SPORT.

## SCHOOLS' FOOTBALL.

The following matches in the Hongkong Schools' Football League were played last week, the results being as under:—

## JUNIOR LEAGUE.

Saiyungpun, 3. Victoria, 1.  
Diocesan, 0. St. Joseph's A., 0.

The League table now stands:—

SENIOR—SCHOOLS' SHIELD.

SCHOOL	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	POINTS
Wanchai School	2	1	0	1	2	1	3
St. Joseph's Coll.	3	1	1	1	2	2	3
Diocesan School	1	0	1	0	0	1	0

Queen's College

JUNIOR—GOVERNOR'S CUP.

SCHOOL	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	POINTS
Diocesan School	4	2	0	2	6	1	6
Saiyungpun School	4	3	1	0	8	3	6
E. Kadoorie School	4	2	0	7	2	4	4
Wanchai School	4	1	1	2	4	5	4
Yau-mat School	5	1	2	2	3	8	4
Victoria School	3	1	1	1	8	6	3
St. Joseph's A.	3	1	1	1	1	4	3
Queen's College	2	1	1	0	4	1	2
St. Joseph's B.	3	0	3	0	1	10	0

HONGKONG POLO CLUB.

The first round of the quarterly tournament took place yesterday afternoon between teams representing The Buffs and the Club. The teams were:—

Buffs:—Major Eaton, Lt. Crookenden, Lt. Green and Lt. Potter.

Club:—Commodore Lyons, Capt. Heathcote, Capt. Bell and Lt. Davidson.

Referee:—Mr. Johnstone and Capt. Brierly. Crookenden making a good run, but the Commodore was successful in riding him off. Play continued to be in favour of the Buffs, and Green eventually managed to get the ball between the uprights before the bell sounded for time.

The second chukka was evenly contested and the pace was very fast, the ball travelling from end to end with lightning rapidity. Bell had a magnificent try just on time, the ball only missing the mark by a few inches. No further scoring taking place the Buffs won with the only goal of the match to their credit.

## THE MERRYMAKERS.

The Merry-makers do not belie their name. They supply dainty, delightful and diversified amusement, and they make people laugh. To have been in the Theatre Royal last night when they opened their first season in Hongkong was to have taken farewell of care and thought and worry and to have lain back in a chair and enjoyed being entertained by a company who had the pleasing attributes of bringing a freshness into all that they did. The scenes were very pretty. Following the overture of the orchestra, Miss Alice Hope sang "Seeds of Love," her full, strong voice stirring emotions among the large audience, and demanding the boisterous approbation accorded. Of course she had to respond to an encore. Mr. Redge Williams was a host in himself. His comic songs "ticked" his auditors immensely, while Miss Ida Berridge became a favourite at once. She contributed songs of the soubrette type and had to appear more than once. Miss Violet Bonetta also came in for a share of public applause, considerable merriment being created by her direct love appeals. The Rosebuds danced beautifully, and Miss Ruby Elmore achieved success in her several songs. The Musical Theatres fully justified the appellation attached to their name, for they were musical in the highest degree, and their performance was one of the most entertaining and appreciated in a programme of more than usual merit. Zone, described as the world's famous equilibrist, also proved a person of no small note in the estimation of the audience, his clever balancing feats being thoroughly appreciated and heartily applauded. Harry Linden, the comedian, was in great demand, and was most successful in his parody on "Sing me to sleep," fairly captivating the audience with his singing of a song which gave so many opportunities to a comic vocalist of his talent.

[Our leading article to-day deals with this question.]

SHANGHAIING THE BETTER HALF.

The following is taken from *The Surveyor* of October 25th:—Building law, as in some respects similar to the world over, especially in so far as they appear to have been made to be broken as well as to be observed. The law-breaker, however, is not always subject to pains and penalties that are identical as a standard of repression or correction. This is somewhat brazenly forced upon our attention on reading in a recent issue of the Municipal "Gazette" of Shanghai that proceedings have been taken in the Mixed Court of that city in connection with two cases of breaches of the building rules. In one case it is stated an order was made for concrete floors to be laid within fourteen days, and in another for drains to be laid within seven days. "In the latter case," the paragraphist writes, "the owner of the property failed to comply with the order of the Court, and his wife was ordered to be detained in custody until the work was done." Whether a penalty of this kind acts as a punishment most upon the man or the woman is, of course, entirely dependent upon the domestic relations of the parties. On the one hand, the woman may be quite pleased to be forcibly separated from the society of her husband and master, yet, on the other hand, it is not to be overlooked that under such a system the husband need only decline to comply with the mandate of the Court in order permanently to rid himself of a lady of whose charms he is no longer an admirer. Anyway, there can be no denying that, however the matter may be looked at, the wife in Shanghai for her husband's sake, is, in fact, what the courts in "The Private Secretary" plaintively terms his goods and chattels. Whether in the peculiar terminology of that particular part of the world this implies being "Shanghai'd," the mere layman does not pretend to say; but it is quite evident that the modes, manner and laws of this delightful Far Eastern resort present a very promising field for the agitation so militantly carried on at home by Miss Christabel Fankhurst and her sisters in revolt.







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## PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, On FRIDAY, the 10th December, 1909, at 11 a.m., in F. Godown, Bowington, 25 CASES' ARCADE.

Terms—As Usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 6th December, 1909. [1490]

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, MALTA, PORT SAID, SUEZ AND STRAITS

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer

"SICILIA." Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each Consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark and delivery can be obtained as the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary within 6 hours.

Goods not cleared by the 14th inst. at 4 p.m., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees and the Company's representatives at an appointed hour. All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, under which date they cannot be recognized. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 6th December, 1909. [1]

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS, LTD.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM EUROPE, VIA COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

THE Company's Steamer

"CARDIGANSHIRE." Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each Consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the goods are landed.

Goods not cleared by the 14th inst. at 4 p.m., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

All damaged packages must be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined, at 9.30 a.m. on the 14th inst. No Claims will be admitted after delivery of cargo has been effected within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, otherwise they will not be recognized.

Optional goods will be carried on unless instructions are given to the contrary before Steamer's arrival.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., Agents.

Hongkong, 6th December, 1909. [1488]

THE HONGKONG WEEKLY PRESS & CHINA OVERLAND TRADE REPORT

is now ready and contains:

Extraneous of the Week's News.

Leading Articles:

The Situation in China.

America and the Philippines.

The China Newspaper Press.

The Dismissal of Tuan Fang.

The Lords and the Constitution.

The Canton Self-Government Society.

Random Reflections.

Hongkong News.

Notice of the German Club, Hongkong.

Licensing of Public Houses in Hongkong.

Death of Mr. A. C. More.

Canton News.

Hongkong Legislative Council.

The Scottish Ball.

Viceroy Tuan's Dismissal.

Interport Cricket Match.

Interport Tennis.

Interport Cricket.

The National Service for Seafarers.

The Moon Shooting Case.

The Armed Robbery at West Point.

Supreme Court.

Alleged Forgery of a Will.

The Opium Commission.

Lord Kitchener and His Staff in Japan.

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Hongkong, 7th December, 1909.

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Replies to—

M. G. R., Care of "Daily Press" Office.

Hongkong, 2nd December, 1909. [1476]

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

## FROM EUROPE.

THE H.A.L. Steamship "SITHONIA." Captain Brehmer, having arrived. Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Godowns at Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, where delivery may be obtained against Bills of Lading countersigned by the Undersigned.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before To-day.

All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 12th inst. will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods must be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 11th inst. at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE, Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, 6th December, 1909. [1487]

S.S. "POLYNESIAN," COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

## NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from London ex s.s. "Medoa" and "Dordogne" in connection with above Steamer are hereby informed that their Goods with the exception of Opium, Treasures and Valuables are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns at Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., at Kowloon, where delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless information is received from the Consignees before 1 p.m. To-day, requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned. Goods remaining undelivered after the 13th inst. at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All claims must be sent in to me on or before the 13th inst., or they will not be recognized.

All damaged packages will be examined on MONDAY, the 13th inst., at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

P. DE CHAMPORIN, A. Goeke.

Hongkong, 6th December, 1909. [2]

## INTIMATIONS

## NOTICE.

M. R. JULIUS HELMS has this Day been Authorized to Sign my Firm For Procuration.

A. Goeke.

Canton, 1st December, 1909. [1478]

E. R. COLONIAL SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT.

APPLICATIONS, which should be addressed to the REGISTRAR GENERAL, are invited for the post of CHINESE TRANSLATOR in the Supreme Court. The Salary of this post is \$1,680 a year rising to \$2,040.

F. H. MAY, Colonial Secretary.

Hongkong, 3rd December, 1909. [1467]

E. R. HARBOR MASTER'S DEPARTMENT.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that information has been received from the Military Authorities that GUN PRACTICE will be carried out as under:—

On the 7th, 9th and 10th December, 1909.

In the direction of Chin-lau-chi and Customs Peak, at ranges up to 3,000 yards, commencing at 10 a.m. and finishing (if the range is clear) at 1 p.m.

If the weather is unfavourable on any of the above dates, practice will take place on the following day.

All ships, junks and other vessels are to keep clear of the range.

HASIL TAYLOR, Commander, R.N., Harbour Master, &c.

Hongkong, 3rd December, 1909. [1481]

HONGKONG GUN CLUB.

THE CHAMPIONSHIP will be SHOT OFF on the afternoon of SATURDAY, the 11th December, 1909.

Members will be at Home to their Friends and Ladies will be Welcome.

G. C. MOXON, Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 4th December, 1909. [1480]

VICTORIA REGATTA.

FORTY-NINTH MEETING.

TO be held on SATURDAY, 11th Dec. 1909. Under the distinguished Patronage of H.E. THE GOVERNOR, H.E. MAJOR-GENERAL BROADWOOD, COMMODORE H. LYON, &c., &c.

The Committee of the V.R.C. request the pleasure of the Company of the Ladies of Hongkong on SATURDAY, 11th December, at the Recreation Bay View, kindly lent by Messrs. Fenwick & Co.

Miss HUTTON POTTS has kindly consented to present the Prizes at the conclusion of the Meeting.

The Secretary's Launch will leave the VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB at 12 Noon, sharp.

Admission to enclosure and stand, \$1. Tickets may be obtained from the Steward, V.R.C.

Band will be in attendance.

Through Tram Service every few minutes.

B. L. BRIDGER, Acting Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 2nd December, 1909. [1473]

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THURSDAY, 9TH

FRIDAY, 10TH

SATURDAY, 11TH

GRAND VAUDEVILLE AND ENTERTAINMENT Co.

## A STRONG COMPANY OF

COMEDIANS, SINGERS AND DANCERS.

## FULL ORCHESTRA.

BOOKING AT S. MOUTRIE & Co. PRICES AS USUAL: \$3, \$2 & \$1.

[1454]

## AUCTIONS

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, On THURSDAY, the 9th DECEMBER, 1909, at 11 a.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, corner of Ice House Street, A CONSIGNMENT OF

HIGH-CLASS ENGLISH JEWELRY, comprising:—

DIAMOND RINGS, BROOCHES, BROOCHES, PINS, GOLD RINGS, MARQUETTE RINGS, GOLD AND SILVER WATCHES by Benson, SILVER BACK HAIR BRUSHES, TOILET SETS, JEWEL CASES, MANICURE SETS, GENT'S PIGSKIN DRESSING CASES, FANCY GOODS, &c., &c.

VALUABLE 18K GOLD CHRONOMETER WATCH by Chas. Frodsham, London.

A Quantity of LOOSE DIAMONDS. These Goods have just arrived from London, being part of Bankrupt Stock, and are not locally owned. Suitable for Xmas presents. Catalogues will be issued.

Terms—As Usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 6th December, 1909. [1486]

AUCTION.

GERMAN Steamship "FIUME." 1,346 GRS. tons reg.

Will be sold by Public Auction, at CEBU on FRIDAY, the 17th December, at 11 a.m.

For further Particulars apply to SANDER, WHEELER & Co., Prince's Building, or Behn, Meyer & Co., Ltd., Cebu.

Hongkong, 2nd December, 1909. [1474]

TO LET.

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NO. 2, ELLIOTT CRESCENT, ROBINSON ROAD, Six Rooms House, with Harbour, Commanding a Fine View of the Harbour.

Apply to—

F. X. D'ALMADA & CASTRO, 33, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, 7th July, 1909. [936]

TO LET.

GODOWN, No. 4, Praya, Kennedy Town.

Apply to—

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD. Hongkong, 1st December, 1909. [1340]

TO LET.

DUNHAYEN, 33, ROBINSON ROAD, 52 and 69, CAINE ROAD.

Apply to—

HO U MING, 81, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, 4th November, 1909. [1177]

POPULAR SUMMER RETREAT.

ONE OF THE BEST HOUSES at Hui-ling, the Beautiful Summer Resort and Sanatorium near Foonchow, to be let, fully furnished, for the whole season. Apply to Office of this paper for references.

Foonchow, 22nd May, 1909. [794]

TO LET.

GODOWNS Nos. 7, 8 and 10, and the Top Floor of No. 5, (Tung Lap Ting's Godown East Point).

Immediate Possession. Rent exceptionally moderate.

Apply to—

KAM FOOK, No. 107, Wellington Street, behind the Stag Hotel or Keeper of No. 5, Godown on the Spot.

Hongkong, 28th May, 1909. [797]

OFFICES TO LET.

ON the Second Floor, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Central, corner of Ice House Street, SIX COMMODIOUS AND AIRY ROOMS, with lavatory and kitchen attached. For terms apply to—

H. PERCY SMITH, F.C.A., Receiver for L.M. ALVAREZ & Co., in Voluntary Liquidation, 5, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, 1st December, 1909. [1470]

## TO LET

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GODOWN, No. 5A, DUDDELL STREET. Apply to—

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD. Hongkong, 1st December, 1909. [98]

## TO BE LET.

WITH Possession from March, 1910. (Unfurnished or if desired the furniture could be taken over at a valuation.)

"IAN MOR." Peak Road. Six Rooms semi-detached house, commanding a good view of the harbour. Tennis Court and Vegetable Garden.

NEW and COMMODIOUS SHOPS, Nathan Road, Kowloon. Immediate Possession. Cheap Rent.

KOWLOON MARINE LOT 48, Yau-mai, Area 35,200 square feet with 255 feet Sea Frontage. Especially suited for Storage of Coal, Timber, &c.

Apply to—

HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED. Hongkong, 1st December, 1909. [1258-1471]

## TO LET.

NO. 2, OLD BAILEY. Possession from 1st December.

Apply to—

ABRAHAM V. AFCAE & Co., 14, Des Vaux Road.

Hongkong, 5th November, 1909. [1388]

## TO LET.

NO. 2, BEACONSFIELD ARCADE, facing the Parade Ground. PREMISES lately vacated by Messrs. Gordon & Co., known as 21, Whitefield, Shanklin Road.

PREMISES at SHAMSHUI, CANTON, now in occupation of the Canton Kowloon Railway. The BYRNE, No. 13, Peak, Six Rooms, Tennis Court, and very large Garden.

BEACONSFIELD ARCADE, 2 Rooms on 1st Floor, well suited for Office.

NO. 25, SHELLY STREET (near House), GODOWNS in DUDDELL STREET, ROOFS in BELLILLO TERRACE, ROBINSON ROAD, newly painted and color-washed, exceptionally cheap rental.

FOR SALE—Two Chinese Flats, commanding a Magnificent View of the Harbour and Adjacent Islands.

Apply to—

LINSTEAD & DAVIS, 3rd Floor, Alexandra Buildings.

Hongkong, 2nd October, 1909. [190]

## TO LET.

IN NO. 6, DES VAUX ROAD CENTRAL, ONE GODOWN.

IN NO. 5, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, Victoria Building, Rooms suitable for Office.

ROOMS in College Chambers No. 31 Wyndham Street.

DAVID SASSOON & Co., Ltd. Hongkong, 19th December, 1909. [1064]

## TO LET.

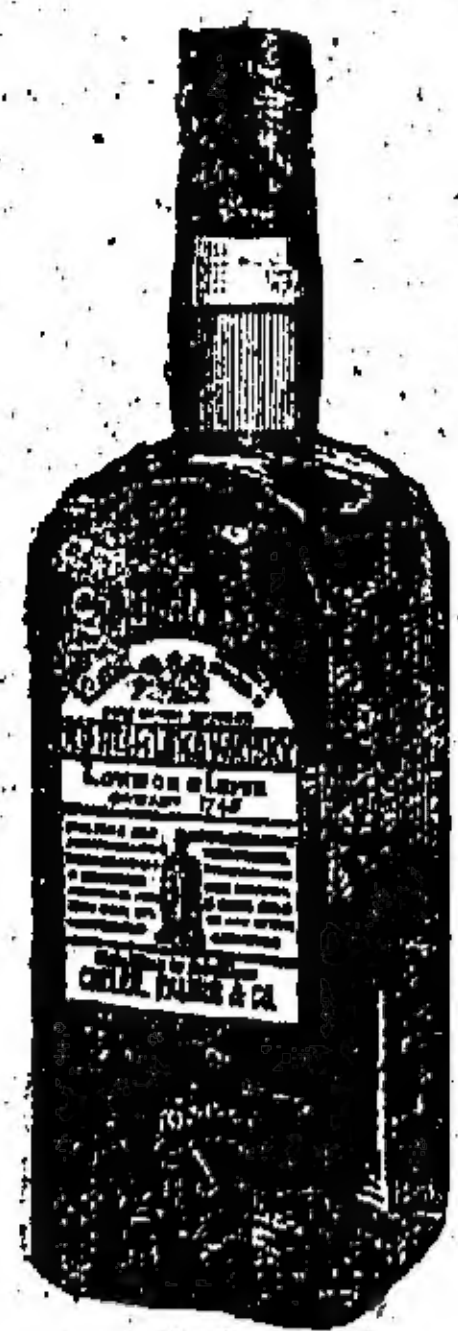
A HOUSE in Wong No Chung Road.

A HOUSE in RIFON TERRACE, OFFICES To Let, No. 2, Connaught Road, 3rd Floor.

NO. 3, CLIFTON GARDENS, Connaught Road.



# NAPIER JOHNSTONES' "SQUARE BOTTLE" WHISKY.



BEWARE OF  
IMITATIONS.  
THE SAME  
TO-DAY AS IN 1745.  
UNVARIABLE  
FOR 150 YEARS.

SOLE AGENTS IN HONGKONG:  
**LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.,**  
and from ALL WINE MERCHANTS. [52]

FOR SALE OR TO LET.

**DERBINGTON, PEAK ROAD, No. 8.**  
SHORNCLEIFFE, Garden Road, 7.  
For Particulars apply to—  
**C. SCHROETER,**  
King's Buildings, II, II, II,  
Care of Garrolo, Borneo & Co.  
Hongkong, 1st December, 1909. [1140]

FOR SALE.

A Quantity of NETTING for Tennis  
COURTS.  
TABLE BILLIARD SETS, SLATE  
BEDS, from \$40.00.  
**CHINA EXPRESS CO.,**  
3, Duddell Street. [50]

## NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES

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"GLEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.  
FROM MIDDLESBRO, ANTWERP,  
HULL, LONDON AND PORTS.

THE Steamship

"GLENURRIT"  
Capt. Webster, having arrived from the above  
Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed  
that their Goods are being landed and placed at  
their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and  
Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., Kow-  
loon, and stored at Consignees risk and expense.  
All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to  
be left in the Godowns, where they will be  
examined on TUESDAY, the 9th inst., at 3 p.m.  
All claims must be presented within fifteen  
days of the steamer's arrival here, after which  
date they cannot be recognised.  
No claims will be admitted after the Goods  
have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining  
undelivered after the 7th inst. will be subject  
to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.  
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by  
**SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,**  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 1st December, 1909. [1475]

**NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN.**  
IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship

"GOEBEN"  
having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby  
informed that their Goods, with the exception  
of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being  
landed and stored at their risk into the God-  
owns and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the  
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown  
Company, Limited, Kowloon, and West Point  
Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods  
have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining  
undelivered after the 9th inst. will be subject  
to rent.  
All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are  
to be left in the Godowns, where they will be  
examined on the 9th inst., at 9.30 A.M.  
All Claims must reach us before the 15th inst.,  
or they will not be recognised.  
No Fire Insurance will be effected.  
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the  
undersigned.

This Steamer brings Cargo  
Ex. S.S. "CABOT" from Venice.  
**NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD,**  
**MELCHERS & Co.,**  
General Agents.  
Hongkong, 2nd December, 1909. [5]

**SWEDISH EAST ASIATIC CO. LTD.**  
GOTHENBURG.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship

"NIPPON"  
having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby  
informed that their Goods, with the exception  
of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being  
landed and stored at their risk into the God-  
owns and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the  
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown  
Company, Limited, Kowloon, and West Point  
Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods  
have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining  
undelivered after the 11th inst. will be subject  
to rent.  
All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to  
be left in the Godowns, where they will be  
examined on 11th inst., at 9.30 A.M.  
All claims must reach us before the 15th inst.,  
or they will not be recognized.  
No Fire Insurance will be effected.  
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the  
undersigned.

**MELCHERS & Co.,**  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 4th December, 1909. [6]

## INSURANCES

NOTICE.

HAVING been appointed AGENTS in  
Hongkong for the WESTERN ASSURANCE  
Company, we are prepared to accept approved  
European and Chinese Risks at Current Rates.  
**JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,**  
Hongkong, 18th August, 1909. [1083]

**NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE  
INSURANCE COMPANY.**  
WITH WHICH IS INCORPORATED THE  
OCEAN MARINE INSURANCE CO.  
TOTAL FUNDS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1908  
£19,121,310.

I. Authorized Capital ... £5,000,000  
Subscribed Capital ... 3,275,000  
Paid-up Capital ... 1,212,500 0 0  
II. Fire Funds ... 3,204,753 7 10  
The Undersigned, AGENTS for the above  
Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS  
against FIRE at Current Rates.  
**SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,**  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 14th August, 1909. [908]

WE receive regularly New Shipments of  
EXTRA CHOICE

## ENGLISH BACON

75 CENTS PER LB.

THE  
**DAIRY FARM CO., LTD.**

**SIEN TING**  
SURGEON DENTIST.  
No. 10, D'AGUIAR STREET.

TERMS VERY MODERATE.  
Consultation Free.  
Hongkong, 21st September, 1909. [1221]

**DR. M. H. CHAUN.**

THE latest Method of the AMERICAN  
SYSTEM OF DENTISTRY.  
33, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.  
From the University of Pennsylvania, U.S.A.  
Hongkong, 17th April, 1907. [1122]

**MARTIN'S  
APIOL-STEEL  
PILLS**  
A French Remedy for all rheumatic  
affections of the joints, muscles, and  
bones. It is the most powerful and  
effective remedy ever discovered for  
rheumatism, gout, sciatica, neuralgia,  
and all other forms of nerve pain.  
It is also a powerful blood purifier,  
and is especially valuable in cases of  
syphilis, skin diseases, and all other  
forms of poisoning of the blood.  
It is sold in bottles of 10 and 20 pills.  
Price 1/6 per bottle. Sold everywhere.

**The World's  
Family Medicine.**  
A family medicine is a necessity.  
The human body is an intricate  
piece of machinery which is easily  
put out of order, and unless the  
wrong be righted in its early stages a  
general break-down is certain.  
The wise keep Beecham's Pills  
Medicine always at hand, and this  
is universally acknowledged to be

**BEECHAM'S  
PILLS**

A dose taken when ailments arise  
will quickly remove the cause of  
the trouble, and good health will  
speedily be restored.  
They cleanse the system, tone up  
and regulate the digestive organs,  
and stimulate the Liver and Kidneys  
to healthy action.  
Always keep Beecham's Pills in  
the house, and as occasion requires  
take a dose and you will enjoy  
perpetual good health.

**BEECHAM'S  
PILLS**  
Sold in boxes, price 1/6, 1/3, and 2/6.

**SANTAL MIDY**  
These tiny  
Capsules  
superior  
to Copal-  
ba, Cubeb,  
and  
Injections—  
cure  
the same diseases as these drugs  
in forty-eight hours without  
inconvenience.  
Each Capsule bears the name  
**MIDY**

FOR DISEASES OF THE CHEST.  
**GRIMAUD'S  
SYRUP**  
OF HYPO-PHOSPHITE OF LIME.  
Prescribed in France for the last  
30 years. It retains its reputation for  
CONSUMPTION, OBSTRUCTIVE COUGHS,  
COLIC, DYSPEPSIA OF THE CHEST,  
LUNGS, and BRONCHIAL TUBES.

## SCIENTIFIC MISCELLANY.

THE NEW FERTILIZER—A UNIVERSAL SCIENTIFIC  
TYPIC AID—A NOVEL GERM TRAP—  
GATHERING SCATTERED GOLD—BARS IN  
RACIAL EVOLUTION—GLASS FOR CONDUCT-  
ING ELECTRICITY—METAL IN MASONRY—  
FISH KILL FRESH—A UNIQUE HOSPITAL  
ENDOWMENT.

Cyanamide, discovered by Frank and Caro  
in 1895, is made by heating calcium carbide in  
the electric furnace in a current of nitrogen.  
It has been proven to be a useful nitrogenous  
manure, which also adds lime to the soil, and the  
trials made since 1901 show that its effects are  
about the same as those of sulphate of ammonia  
plus the lime. The experimenters have recom-  
mended the use of about 275 pounds per acre for  
cereals to 450 pounds for potatoes and beets.  
Within recent months the manufacture of the  
new fertilizer has been begun in the United  
States, Italy, France, Switzerland, Norway and  
Germany, factories are about to be opened in  
Hungary and Bavaria, and others are being  
considered in Canada, Japan, India and South  
Africa. The first plant at Niagara Falls has a  
capacity of 5,000 tons a year; that in France is  
making 10 tons a day at present.

The microscope, so long an essential scientific  
instrument, is rapidly finding general employ-  
ment in the industries and every-day work. It  
is now used by the engineer and metallurgist  
for testing metals, by architects for judging of  
the quality of stone, by brewers and all makers  
of beverages, dairy workers, and water supply  
authorities, by chemists and druggists, by paper  
manufacturers, cement makers, foundrymen,  
printers, half-ton block makers, textile manu-  
facturers, and many others. One of the most  
novel of recent applications is found in laundries,  
and dye works, some of which now test certain  
textiles, thus avoiding possible claims for  
damages, while at the same time often showing  
the best means of renovating material.

A curious method of sterilizing the air of  
rooms has been adopted by Prof. Charles Richet  
of Paris. Glycoline in small drops is injected  
along a cylinder containing a suction fan, and  
the air pumped in is thus charged with fine  
glycoline particles, which fall to the floor, car-  
rying all dust and germs.

Yacht quantities of gold-bearing sand are said  
to exist in Southern California, New Mexico and  
Arizona, as well as in sea-beaches and sea-water.  
No economical method has yet been attempted  
for separating the precious metal from the  
great amount of other material to be handled.  
The gold particles are too minute to be collected  
by gravity. Amalgamation seems to fail on  
account of some oily or other coating of the  
particles that prevents the mercury from having  
effect, but it has been recently pointed out that  
under the influence of an electric current the  
mercury released by decomposing its salt is more  
active, while the current tends to clean the gold.  
By using a plumb box with a copper bottom,  
adding a solution of chloride of mercury, and  
passing an electric current through the water and  
the copper, the latter is made to take up a thick  
coating of an amalgam of gold and mercury. Some  
modification of this process, it is suggested, may  
prove profitable with low-grade ores, and possibly  
solve the problem of extracting gold from sea-  
water.

An attempt to classify human ears by form  
and structure has been made at Manila by R.  
B. Bean, who finds the locality especially suit-  
able for such a study, as the mixed population  
includes about all races of mankind in varying  
degrees of purity. To the various types of ears  
he has given such names as Malay, Negroid,  
Cro-Magnon, Alpine, etc., but the parts most  
common in certain races are found also in men  
of similar physical type in other races. The  
Alpine ear, for example, is the ear of a fat man.  
The European types of ears in the Philippines  
are not as those of other than European origin,  
and this suggests that the ears may give in-  
teresting lessons in the evolution of the Fili-  
pino.

For glass that is a good conductor of electri-  
city—its resistance being only one thousandth  
of ordinary glass—C. S. Phillip fuses a mix-  
ture of 32 parts of sodium silicate, 5 of borax,  
0.3 of lead oxide, and 0.2 of sodium antimonate.  
Acids do not attack this glass. The new  
material is chiefly used for the discs of electro-  
meters and electroscopes, but its filaments may  
even be made to serve in electroscopes in place  
of gold leaves.

Zinc instead of mortar was used for joining  
the stones of two elliptical arches, of 8 1/2 feet  
span, that support a newly-completed armoured  
concrete bridge near Lyons, France. Previous  
experiments having proven that the molten zinc  
—at 300 degrees F.—caused no fractures in dry  
stones, the zinc was melted and poured between  
the stones, forming metallic joints an eighth of  
an inch thick. The substitution for mortar  
increased the cost about \$2.40 for each square  
foot of the bridge's horizontal surface. Tests  
with cubical stones, 2 1/2 inches on a side, showed  
that zinc joints do not weaken stones having a  
strength of about 15,000 pounds per square inch,  
but are 10 or 15 per cent weaker than stones  
having a strength between 14,000 and 18,500  
pounds. A less compressible metal is needed for  
very hard stones. Cement joints, when as thin  
as one twenty-fifth of an inch or less, stood the  
tests equally well, but disintegration gradually  
reduces the original strength of joints of  
mortar.

To prevent the fishy appearance and impaired  
flavour of fish preserved on ice has been the sub-  
ject of many unsuccessful experiments. An  
English experimenter believes that he has now  
solved the problem. The fish are cleaned and  
drained immediately after being caught, then

wrapped in specially prepared waterproof paper,  
and packed in the ice-boxes in the usual way.  
It is claimed that fish thus packed can be kept  
quite fresh while being transported many hun-  
dreds of miles, arriving as solid, perfect in ap-  
pearance and appetizing as when started, the action  
of the water from the melting ice being avoided.

Though the Banque du Radium in Paris is the  
reputed headquarters for radium, it is claimed  
that England has seven times as large a stock.  
If the statement is true, the Parisians have but  
a single gram of pure radium salts, while the  
Radium Institute in London has less than 75  
grams (nearly a quarter of a pound), said to be  
worth about \$600,000. The work at the Institute  
has given rise to great hopes for destroying  
deadly germs and checking cancerous growths.

## THE POSITION OF RUBBER.

In an article which appeared in the Financial  
and Commercial Supplement of July 2 (says  
The Times) a short review was given of the  
course of prices of rubber and of the causes  
that had led to a marked advance in value.  
On that date the hard Para was worth  
6s. 3d. per lb., which was a new high record,  
and, as was stated at the time, the market  
was strong at the advance and the demand keen.  
The upward progress of the market continued  
almost without interruption until the price of  
fine hard Para reached 9s. 2d. From that point  
there has been some dozing, spot rubber now  
being quoted at 8s. 3d. per lb., with November  
December delivery at 8s. 0d. per lb. The fall  
may be traced to some slackening of the demand  
for trade purposes rather than to any unexpected  
increase in ready supplies, the latter continuing  
small in comparison with those of previous years.

STOCK AND SUPPLIES.  
The stocks of Para rubber in London at the  
end of September were only 367 tons, as against  
442 tons at the end of September, 1908, while  
those of the plantation variety amounted to 134  
tons, as against 194 tons in 1908. In Liverpool  
only 1,026 tons were in stock, as compared with  
1,857 tons last year. This decrease in stocks  
has not come about through any falling off in  
imports, these really being in excess of  
requirements, but through the fact that the  
months ended October 31 amounted to 28,326  
tons as against 23,636 tons in the corresponding  
period of 1908. The generally accepted  
estimate of this year's output of rubber is some  
70,000 tons, but as a very considerable quantity  
has been kept back in the upper reaches of the  
Amazon through lack of transportation facilities,  
the actual supplies of the year will be much  
smaller. Competition for available supplies has  
been and is still keen. Earlier in the year the  
presence of an American demand on this side  
helped the market, but for some time past Ameri-  
can requirements have been practically met by  
direct imports. In the first eight months of  
this year the United States imported over 5,000  
tons more than in the corresponding period of  
1908.

Business has been done far ahead of im-  
mediate requirements both in America and  
Europe, and it is reported that the Ceylon  
output of fine plantation rubber for next year  
has been practically disposed of, with much of  
the Malayan production also under contract for  
months ahead. The details of this business  
have not always been made public, so that it is  
difficult to quote the basis on which it has been  
done, but well-informed people state that an  
average price of 7s. 6d. per lb. would probably  
be near the mark. This would seem to indicate  
that, whilst the recent high level of prices may  
not again prevail, there are expectations of a  
range of values still allowing large profits to  
the rubber producer. It is said that at 3s. per  
lb. rubber can be shipped from Brazil at a profit,  
and on the best plantations in Ceylon the cost  
of production is put as low as 1s. per lb.

FLORATION OF COMPANIES.  
It is natural that the production of an article  
that in 1908 sold as low as 2s. 9d. per lb. and  
has this year been as high as 9s. 2d. per lb. per-  
haps not without some speculative assistance,  
but mainly owing to genuine trade require-  
ments, should prove highly attractive to capital  
in search of investment. The result is seen in  
the large number of companies which have been  
flooded this year, prospectuses of rubber com-  
panies having been almost a daily feature in the  
newspapers. These companies have almost all  
been formed for the exploitation of rubber in  
Ceylon and the Federated Malay States, and in  
the aggregate represent a capitalization of  
about £7,000,000. The readiness with which  
this capital has been subscribed shows an  
almost touching faith in the distant future of  
the rubber industry, seeing that where the trees  
have been planted, several years must elapse  
before the producing stage is reached. Some  
of the companies have been capitalized at a  
cost per acre, on which only a constant high  
level of rubber values could ensure a profitable  
investment. The profits of the older companies  
are already in a position to take full ad-  
vantage of the very wide margin between cost  
of production and selling price.

Business in rubber shares has been a marked  
feature in Stock Exchange circles this year, even  
at times when the rest of the market was flat  
and lifeless, and the shares of some of the com-  
panies show a remarkable rise in value. The  
following selection may be taken as representa-  
tive:—

Company.	High Price.	Low Price.	Latest Price.
Anglo-Malay (2s.)	16 3/4	7 7/8	14 1/2
Highlands (1s.)	7 1/2	3 1/2	4 1/2
Langdon (1s.)	2 1/2	1 1/2	2 1/2
Linggi Plantations (2s.)	21	11 1/2	24 1/2
Malacca Plantations (1s.)	10 1/2	5 1/2	9 1/2
Pattana (2s.)	25 1/2	12 1/2	25 1/2
United Serangoon (1s.)	3 1/2	1 1/2	3 1/2
Udambrosa (2s.)	24 1/2	13 1/2	24 1/2

## WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued  
the following report:  
On the 6th at 11.55 a.m.—The barometer  
has fallen moderately in E. Japan, and risen  
slightly over W. Japan, the China coast and the  
Philippines.

Pressure is still low over the S. part of the  
Philippines, Archipelago and adjacent waters,  
and the northern depression remains over the  
Sea of Japan.

Pressure is highest over the E. coast of China.  
It has given way slightly over the Yangtze  
valley.

Fresh monsoon may be expected in the Formosa  
Channel and strong monsoon over the N. part  
of the China Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending  
at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inches.

The forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon  
to-day is as follows:—

Hongkong & Neighbourhood	N.E. winds, moderate to fresh; fine.
Formosa Channel	N.E. winds, fresh.
South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamook.	Same as No. 1.
South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan.	Same as No. 2.

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